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National Freedom of Information Officer
Environmental Protection Agency
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Environmental Protection Agency - (2822T)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request copies of all records showing correspondence, notes and memos pertaining to the agency's request for 10 additional full-time security personnel to provide a 24/7 security detail for EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, as detailed in a March 21, 2017 spending plan.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on the reasoning behind a request for additional security for the Administrator that is of current interest to the public because the administration has concurrently sought budget cuts at the EPA and other departments. This information is being sought on behalf of Talking Points Memo for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Caitlin MacNeal